

to their founding priorities, and offer healthcare services to an ever growing list of minority populations providing in-language medical services for elderly citizens in over 50 languages.

ICHS reflects some of the best elements of our community. They took a problem that affected a large group of underserved people, and decided to take it upon themselves to work towards resolving it. Healthcare in this country is an area where there is still a lot of work to do. Good healthcare is still unattainable to many in this country which is why I am grateful to ICHS for making a difference in this area.

This February marked the 45th anniversary of the founding of ICHS, and I look forward to hearing about the important work they do in the coming years.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize ICHS for their essential work in the 9th District and the surrounding area, and I wish them continued success in their mission.

COMBATING SEXUAL HARASSMENT IN SCIENCE ACT OF 2018

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today I am joined by 31 of my colleagues in introducing the Combating Sexual Harassment in Science Act of 2018. The nation at large is beginning to reckon with the pervasiveness of sexual harassment and its impact on the lives and careers of women, including in academia.

The academic workplace, when compared to the military, private sector, and government, has the second-highest rate of sexual harassment, with 58% of women in academia experiencing sexual harassment. This behavior undermines career advancement for women in critical STEM fields, and many women report leaving promising careers in academic research due to sexual harassment. Women of color are even more likely to experience sexual harassment and to feel unsafe at work. We cannot afford—morally, scientifically, or economically—to continue to lose these skilled scientists and engineers, particularly from groups that are already underrepresented in STEM.

As recommended in a recent report by the National Academies, this bill establishes a National Science Foundation program to support research into the factors contributing to sexual harassment in the scientific workforce, as well as the collection of data on the prevalence of sexual harassment in STEM. Furthermore, this bill directs the Office of Science and Technology Policy to issue uniform policy guidelines to Federal science agencies to ensure every agency has clear policies and dedicated resources to prevent and respond to incidents of sexual harassment at academic institutions receiving federal research funding. It also creates an interagency working group to improve coordination and communication among agencies.

It is our hope that this legislation will build upon progress already made by the National Science Foundation through recent updates to its sexual harassment policy. It is vital that

grantees, as stewards of Federal money, take seriously their responsibility to foster a healthy working environment as they train the next generation of scientists. It is encouraging that other agency heads have expressed intent to address sexual harassment in research. National Institutes of Health Director, Dr. Francis Collins, and nominee for Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, Dr. Kelvin Droegemeier, have both made strong statements regarding their intent to tackle the problem of sexual harassment in STEM, and I look forward to seeing these intentions translate into meaningful actions. Our bill is just a starting point. Every agency has unique challenges and significant change will require creative solutions.

Scientific societies also play an important role in combating sexual harassment in the sciences. For example, the American Association for the Advancement of Science recently adopted a policy that allows the AAAS Council to revoke Fellow status for scientific misconduct, which includes sexual harassment.

I am pleased that my legislation is endorsed by numerous scientific societies. In developing this bill, feedback from university organizations and scientific societies has been invaluable, and it is encouraging that so many key players are committed to addressing sexual harassment in science.

This legislation has also been vetted by the National Science Foundation and the Office of Science and Technology Policy, who will be instrumental in carrying out its provisions, and the National Academies, whose recommendations we seek to codify. The result of this process is a bill that enables a coordinated approach to addressing the problem of sexual harassment at grant-receiving institutions and that funds research that will serve as the foundation for future initiatives in this area.

I thank all of the Members who have cosponsored this legislation, and I urge the rest of my colleagues to join us and help move this legislation forward into law.

IN MEMORY OF LYNN FALLOWS

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Lynn Fallows. Lynn was a passionate mother, wife, teacher and ovarian cancer research advocate. On August 16, 2018, Lynn lost her battle with ovarian cancer.

Ovarian cancer is the deadliest gynecologic cancer and the fifth-leading cause of cancer deaths for women in the U.S. Despite advancement in medicine, no effective screening test exists for ovarian cancer. To complicate factors, symptoms are hard to catch in early stages, if not altogether absent.

In February 2015, Lynn was diagnosed with Stage III ovarian cancer. Lynn did not have a family history of ovarian cancer and, like many women diagnosed, was completely blindsided by her diagnosis. Like the fighter she was, Lynn wasted no time educating herself and getting involved in the ovarian cancer community.

The month she was diagnosed, Lynn started a blog to share her experiences and connect

with other ovarian cancer patients and survivors. Within a year of her diagnosis, she began volunteering at the Rivkin Cancer Center in Seattle to help educate women and raise awareness about ovarian cancer. She later joined the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund Alliance's Advocate Leader program to advocate for ovarian cancer research and expanded access to care.

Mr. Speaker, Lynn dedicated the last years of her life making a difference in the lives of others through her advocacy work. Her family and friends will greatly miss and always remember Lynn's dedication, resilience and tenacity.

TRIBUTE TO DR. EDWIN DEJESUS

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I want to honor Dr. Edwin DeJesus as a distinguished leader in Central Florida for Hispanic Heritage Month. Dr. DeJesus is a graduate from the University of Puerto Rico, School of Medicine, and completed his Internal Medicine training and Infectious Disease fellowship at the Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He is board certified in Infectious Diseases and holds a faculty appointment at the University of Central Florida, School of Medicine in Orlando, Florida.

He has been practicing medicine for over 25 years in Central Florida where he implemented one of the most successful clinical trials research centers in the country, investigating therapeutic approach for many chronic viral infections, including some of the innovative treatments we have today to fully control and prevent the spread of HIV infection, and the cure for HCV.

He is an active member of multiple medical organizations and has served as a National Board of Directors.

Through his research, he is now one of the most recognized figures worldwide in HIV research and treatment. He has presented in multiple international forums and has accumulated an impressive bibliography with publications in many major medical clinical journals.

Locally, Dr. DeJesus has made prevention and treatment readily accessible by maximizing the use of available resources, and by creating programs such as Free Anonymous HIV Testing and supervising the care for non-profit organizations caring for under-privileged population.

In addition, DeJesus has remained highly active in the Florida HIV Hispanic Community where he has implemented and supported educational, preventative, and research programs.

In 2014 he was named one of the 25 most influential Hispanic persons in Central Florida by the Hispanic Chambers of Commerce. Since 2010, he has been recognized by his peers as one of Orlando's Top Doctors and featured in Orlando Magazine for the past 7 years.